



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 22, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Jessica Jagoe, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment – Section 910, Swimming Pools Safety Fencing

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Adoption of Ordinance 2022-005 for an amendment to the language in Section 910, Subsection 910.11, Subd. 7.A – Swimming Pool, Safety Fencing of the Arden Hills City Code to reduce the minimum height requirement for pool safety fencing to four (4) feet.

All items need a simple majority for action unless otherwise noted.

Background/Discussion

At the July 11th City Council Regular Meeting, Katy Muckala at 1147 Karth Lake Drive addressed the Council during public inquiry requesting Council consideration to amend the ordinance on the minimum height requirements for safety fencing around swimming pools. Ms. Muckala proposed the City Council amend the current ordinance language in City Code Chapter 9, Building Regulations under Section 910, Swimming Pools to reduce the safety fencing requirement from a minimum of five feet tall to four feet tall. The Arden Hills City Code current language is as follows:

Section 910.11, Construction Standards, Subd. 7 Safety Fencing

A. All pools shall be provided with safeguards to prevent children from gaining uncontrolled access. This shall be accomplished with fencing of not less than five feet in height.

B. All fence openings or points of entry into the pool area enclosure shall be equipped with gates.

C. All gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed on the top of the gate or otherwise inaccessible to small children.

City staff was directed to bring this item back to City Council for further discussion. At the July 18th City Council Work Session Meeting, staff presented survey results of minimum pool safety fencing requirements of several adjacent communities. City Council feedback was generally supportive for the reduction of the minimum pool safety fencing height from five feet to four feet. Based on the work session discussion, city staff has prepared the proposed ordinance amendment for adoption.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachments

Attachment A – Draft Ordinance 2022-005